

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes"</b>	<b>1:30 – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>5:15 – 6:15 p.m.</b>

**H.Res. 1077** – Rule providing for consideration of both **H.Res. 1071 – Recognizing that allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens (Rep. McCarthy – Judiciary) and Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 6157 – Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Rep. Granger – Appropriations) (One hour of debate).** The Rules Committee has recommended one Rule which would provide for consideration of two measures.

For H.Res. 1071, the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The Rule waives all points of order against the legislation.

For the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 6157, the Rules Committee has allowed debate on the conference report be divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of Rule XXII. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against consideration of the Resolution.

The Rule also provides for suspension authority on September 27, 2018 and September 28, 2018.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers to amendment #1 to H. Res. 1071, offered by Rep. Swalwell of California, which adds the following to the resolution: "Whereas United States intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia developed a plan to, and did in fact, interfere in the 2016 presidential election, and multiple Russian nationals and organizations have been indicted for Federal crimes arising out of this interference campaign". **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 6157 – Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019 (Rep. Granger – Appropriations) (One hour of debate).** This Conference Report contains a total of \$853 billion in discretionary budget authority subject to the Budget Control Act's (BCA) discretionary spending caps for two FY19 appropriation bills – the Department of Defense Appropriations Act and the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act. Alongside this funding is an additional \$67.9 billion in discretionary budget authority within the Defense division of the bill designated for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), and therefore exempt from the BCA caps. These levels are consistent with February's bipartisan budget agreement.

Attached to the Conference Report is a Continuing Resolution (CR) to extend current FY18 appropriations levels for the remaining appropriations bills into a portion of FY19, which begins October 1, 2018. The CR extends this funding through December 7, 2018. With the President having already signed the first Minibus package (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Legislative Branch, and Energy and Water) the practical effect of the CR is to keep agencies funded by the remaining seven appropriations bills open into the lame duck. These seven bills include: 1) Agriculture, 2) Commerce, Justice, and Science, 3) Financial Services, 4) Homeland Security, 5) Interior, 6) State and Foreign Operations, and 7) Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development.

The CR also carries an extension of the Violence Against Women Act until December 7, 2018.

The Department of Defense bill (Division A) contains \$606.5 billion in base discretionary budget authority, as well as \$67.9 billion for OCO. The base funding for the Defense division is \$17 billion above the FY18 enacted level, which includes \$150.7 billion for Military Personnel to boost troop levels to meet the requested end-strength increase and provide a military pay raise of 2.6%; \$243.2 billion for Operations and Maintenance which is \$4.6 billion above the FY18 enacted level; \$147.9 billion for Procurement; \$96.1 billion for Research and Development; and includes funding for sexual assault prevention and response programs in the military. Additionally, the Conference Report fully funds the Israel missiles programs at the Memorandum of Understanding levels of \$500 million, and includes \$47.5 million for the U.S. – Israel Joint Anti-Tunneling Research Technology Initiative.

The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill (Division B) contains \$178.1 billion in discretionary budget authority, \$1 billion above the FY18 enacted level, including \$90.5 billion for the Health and Human Services Department, \$71.5 billion for the Education Department, and \$12.1 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Labor Department. The Conference report provides \$4.4 billion to respond to the opioids crisis, including treatment, prevention, and behavioral workforce training; \$10.1 billion for Head Start; \$39.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health, a \$2 billion increase from FY18; and funding to increase the maximum Pell Grant award. Additionally, the Conference Report contains language directing the Secretary of HHS to submit a family reunification plan to Congress.

This Conference Report contains numerous Democratic priorities in both divisions, and does not include poison pill policy riders. The Senate passed the measure last Tuesday, September 18, 2018 by a 93-7 vote. The vote can be found [here](#).

***Bill Text for the Conference Report and the Continuing Resolution:***

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**[H.Res. 1071](#) – Recognizing that allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens (Rep. McCarthy – Judiciary) (One hour of debate).** This Resolution, which was introduced a few days ago and has received no committee action, condemns policies adopted by local jurisdictions that permit certain non-citizens to vote in certain local elections and singles out the city of San Francisco for allowing non-citizens to register and vote in local school board elections pursuant to a proposition adopted in 2016.

H.Res. 1071 is being used by the Republican party to distract from real issues in our voting system – such as Russian interference in our elections. Nowhere in this resolution is Russia or any other foreign country named as a threat, notwithstanding the fact that the intelligence community, including several of President Trump’s own appointees, have said Russia continues to interfere in our elections.

Less than six weeks before our next election, House Republicans are wasting valuable floor time trying to distract from real issues facing this country, including the clear and immediate menace that Russia poses to our election infrastructure. The threats to our nation’s electoral system that came to light in 2016 have yet to be addressed by the Republican controlled Congress. Making Congressional Republicans’ inaction even worse is that instead of having a President who stands up to the Russian government, President Trump continues to pander and trust Vladimir Putin over his own intelligence officials. House Republicans showed their lack of concern about ensuring the integrity of our elections when every single House Republican voted against a motion to recommit that would have maintained the FY2018 funding level for the Election Assistance Commission rather than increasing funding to help state and local election officials safeguard our election system. That vote can be found [here](#).

***Bill Text for H.Res. 1071:***

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**Suspensions (16 bills)**

1. [H.R. 302](#) – FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Shuster – Transportation and Infrastructure)
2. [H.R. 6332](#) – Improving Strategies to Counter Weapons Proliferation Act (Rep. Tipton – Financial Services)
3. [H.R. 4753](#) – Federal Reserve Supervision Testimony Clarification Act, as amended (Rep. Lucas – Financial Services)
4. [H.R. 5036](#) – Financial Technology Protection Act, as amended (Rep. Budd – Financial Services)
5. [H.R. 6729](#) – Empowering Financial Institutions to Fight Human Trafficking Act of 2018 (Rep. Wagner – Financial Services)
6. [H.R. 6737](#) – Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2018 (Rep. Zeldin – Financial Services)
7. [H.R. 6751](#) – Banking Transparency for Sanctioned Persons Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Love – Financial Services)
8. [H.R. 3834](#) – 9/11 Heroes Medal of Valor Act of 2017 (Rep. Crowley – Financial Services)
9. [H.R. 754](#) – Anwar Sadat Centennial Celebration Act (Rep. Stewart – Financial Services)
10. [H.R. 4809](#) – GOOD Act, as amended (Rep. Walker – Oversight and Government Reform)
11. [H.R. 3398](#) – REAL ID Act Modification for Freely Associated States Act (Rep. Young (AK) – Oversight and Government Reform)
12. [H.R. 4887](#) – GREAT Act, as amended (Rep. Foxx – Oversight and Government Reform)
13. [H.R. 4431](#) – Correcting Miscalculations in Veterans’ Pensions Act, as amended (Rep. Carter (GA) – Oversight and Government Reform)
14. [H.R. 4917](#) – IG Subpoena Authority Act (Rep. Russell – Oversight and Government Reform)

15. [H.R. 5896](#) – Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Amendments Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Hurd – Oversight and Government Reform)
16. [H.R. 6846](#) – To require the United States Postal Services to establish new ZIP codes, and for other purposes (Rep. Diaz-Balart – Oversight and Government Reform)

## Postponed Suspension (1 bill)

1. [H.R. 5420](#) – FDR Historic Preservation Act, amended (Rep. Faso – Natural Resources)

## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, September 27: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 6757](#) – Family Savings Act of 2018 (Rep. Kelly (PA) – Ways and Means) (Subject to a Rule) and [H.R. 6756](#) – American Innovation Act of 2018 (Rep. Buchanan – Ways and Means) (Subject to a Rule). The House is expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 6760](#) – Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2018 (Rep. Davis (IL) – Ways and Means) (Subject to a Rule).

### The Daily Quote

“The federal government could soon pay more in interest on its debt than it spends on the military, Medicaid or children’s programs. The run-up in borrowing costs is a one-two punch brought on by the need to finance a fast-growing budget deficit, worsened by tax cuts and steadily rising interest rates that will make the debt more expensive. Within a decade, more than \$900 billion in interest payments will be due annually, easily outpacing spending on myriad other programs. Already the fastest-growing major government expense, the cost of interest is on track to hit \$390 billion next year, nearly 50 percent more than in 2017, according to the Congressional Budget Office... But the tax cuts passed late last year have created a deeper hole, with the deficit increasing faster than expected... Deficit hawks have gone silent, even proposing changes that would exacerbate the deficit. House Republicans introduced legislation this month that would make the tax cuts permanent.”

- New York Times, 9/25/2018